The opinion in support of the decision being entered today is <u>not</u> binding precedent of the Board.

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BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

MASAHARU WATANABE, NORIAKI TOCHIZAWA YUKARI IMAMURA and HIDEO KIKUCHI,

Junior Party, (Patent 6,140,007),

v.

NAOHITO OGISO, TETSUYA WATANABE and TETSUYA YAMADA,

Senior Party (Application 09/269,564).

Patent Interference 104,719 (McK)

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Before: McKELVEY, <u>Senior Administrative Patent Judge</u>, and SCHAFER and LEE, <u>Administrative Patent Judges</u>.

McKELVEY, Senior Administrative Patent Judge.

JUDGMENT PURSUANT TO 37 CFR § 1.662

Upon consideration of the WATANABE REQUEST FOR ADVERSE JUDGMENT (Paper 18), it is

ORDERED that judgment on priority as to Count 1, the sole count in the interference, is awarded against junior party

MASAHARU WATANABE, NORIAKI TOCHIZAWA, YUKARI IMAMURA and HIDEO KIKUCHI.

FURTHER ORDERED that junior party MASAHARU WATANABE,

NORIAKI TOCHIZAWA, YUKARI IMAMURA and HIDEO KIKUCHI is not

entitled to a patent containing claims 1-15 (corresponding to

Count 1) of U.S. Patent 6,140,007, granted 31 October 2000, based

on application 09/214,154, filed 12 May 1999.

FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this paper shall be made of record in files of application 09/269,564 and U.S. Patent 6,140,007.

FURTHER ORDERED that if there is a settlement agreement, attention is directed to 35 U.S.C. § 135(c) and 37 CFR § 1.661.

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